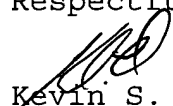


REMARKS

The accompanying amendment to the specification is being made to correct an obvious error in Table 1. The packing density numbers correspond to 80% feed stock passageways, as is clear from the immediately preceding line in the specification, which states that for different passageway sizes and monolith wall thicknesses, assuming 80% utilization of the passageways for contacting feed stock, the packing densities of Table 1 are achievable.

Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

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